

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, and ending at page 4, line 7, as follows:

a1 With this digital camera, during the execution of the normal modes other than the sequence-photograph mode, the exposure amount of the image pick-up element is controlled based on the output from the light-receiving image pick-up element itself.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22, and ending at page 5, line 14, as follows:

a2 The above and other objects, features, and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments with reference to the attached drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the digital camera according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the digital camera shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the digital camera shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a block diagram showing the control system of the digital camera shown in Figs. 1 through 3;

Fig. 5 is a block diagram of the general controller shown in Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 illustrates the data-storage structure of the memory card; and

Fig. 7 is a flowchart of the exposure control operations for the digital camera.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12, and ending at page 6, line 18, as follows:

a3 cont A macrozoom lens 301 is provided in the photographing unit 3. An image pick-up circuit including a CCD color area sensor 303 (Fig. 4) is located at an appropriate position behind the macrozoom lens 301. A ~~light~~ light-quantity adjusting circuit 304 having a light

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cont adjusting sensor 305 for receiving flash light reflected from the object is provided at an appropriate position in the photographing unit 3.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 5, and ending at page 15, line 24, as follows:

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The general controller 211 has a scene type detector 211c which determines the current photographing condition from among ~~from~~ four types of scenes, "low-luminance scene", "middle-luminance normal scene", "middle-luminance backlight scene", and "high-luminance scene", in order to set the optimum shutter speed, and to appropriately perform the γ correction and filtering correction (which will be described in more detail below). For example, photographing indoor or in the night ~~fall~~ falls in the "low-luminance scene", which generally requires auxiliary light (i.e., flash light). In the "middle-luminance normal scene", the brightness of light (either natural light or artificial light) is appropriate, and a picture is taken out of the light without auxiliary light. In the "middle-luminance backlight scene", the brightness is appropriate; however, a picture is taken into (or against) light. In this case, flash light is desired. The "high-luminance scene" is on the very bright condition, such as a scene on the beach or a sky slope in a clear day. The determination result of the scene type detector 211c is stored in the memory 211d.
